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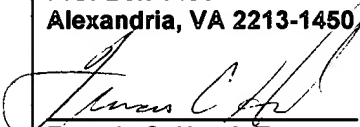
Claims 20 to 24, 26 to 29, 31 and 32 remain in this application.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination in order to make editorial changes in claims 20, 21 and 26.

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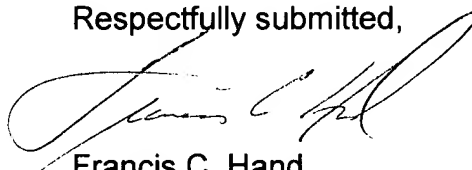
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